

REMARKS

Claims 3-20 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 4 and 17-20 were rejected. Claims 5-16 were allowed. Claim 3 was objected. With this Amendment, claim 3 was cancelled and claim 18 was amended to add limitations of claim 3. Accordingly, claims 4 and 17-20 are at issue in the above-identified application.

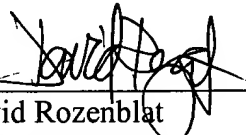
35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Miyazaki et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,162,264). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Miyazaki et al.* as applied to claims 17-20 above in view of *Kaido et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,638). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 3, which were objected to, into claim 18. Claims 4, 17, 19 and 20 all depend from claim 18. Therefore, since claims 4, 17-20 now all contain the limitation of disposing a protection tape in a manner of covering a part of the terminal after the terminal is attached to the electrode collector exposed region, which the Examiner has stated as not disclosed in the prior art, claims 4, 17-20 should be allowable. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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